

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed April 29, 2004. Claims 1-21 were rejected. Applicant has submitted amendments to claims 1, 2, 8, and 15, support for which may be found at page 35, lines 15-21 and page 39, line 16 through page 40, line 3 of Applicant's Specification. Applicant has submitted new claims 22-24. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 14-16, 18, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Smith, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,114,977), hereinafter "Smith." Claims 5-6, 10, 12-13, 17, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Comer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,430,584), hereinafter "Comer." Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections in light of the following remarks.

Section 102(e) Rejections

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 14-16, 18, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Smith. With respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Smith does not teach or suggest the limitations (as amended) "wherein the first field has input focus," "wherein the input focus designates a focus field which receives character input from a user" and "automatically switching the input focus to a second field in response to the entering the mathematical operator." At the locations in Smith (Figs. 7 and 8, and col. 6 lines 55-61) cited by the Office Action with reference to these limitations, Smith discloses a system for receiving intermediate calculation data from a keyboard and displaying that data on the monitor (i.e., in a display window 47). The various elements of Smith's display window 47 include a tape 49 and running total window 51. Only the tape 49 receives user character input (i.e., has the focus), and there is no teaching or suggestion in Smith that the tape 49 includes multiple fields for receiving user character input. Therefore, Smith does not teach or suggest automatically switching input focus from any element of its display window 47 to any other element.

As discussed above, there is no teaching or suggestion in Smith that the tape 49 includes multiple, editable fields (e.g., a first field and a second field) for receiving user character input. According to Applicant's claim 1, "the first field comprises an intersection of a first column and a first row." The example calculations shown in Smith's Figs. 7 and 8 do not appear to show any such intersection of a row and a column. Instead, Smith's data is displayed in tape 49 in a succession of lines, one above the other, as is standard on the paper calculator tape that Smith models. Furthermore, claim 1 (as amended) states that the first field and second field are editable. Smith's tape 49 models a paper calculator tape and is therefore not editable.

The only form of focus switching disclosed by Smith (e.g., at col. 6 line 33, col. 7 line 27) is application focus, i.e., the designation of which application will receive user input. Nevertheless, Smith does not teach or suggest automatically switching any sort of focus, whether input focus or application focus, in response to entering a mathematical operator.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 14-16, 18, and 21 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102(e) rejections of claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 14-16, 18, and 21.

Section 103(a) Rejections

Claims 5-6, 10, 12-13, 17, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Comer. Claims 5-6, 10, 12-13, 17, and 19-20 are dependent claims which add additional limitations to independent claims 1, 8, and 15. For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to the §102(e) rejections, Applicant submits that claims 5-6, 10, 12-13, 17, and 19-20 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103(a) rejections of claims 5-6, 10, 12-13, 17, and 19-20.

CONCLUSION

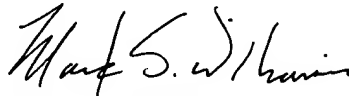
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5676-00300/JCH.

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